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SUBJECT: CODEL SIKES REQUEST BY CONGRESSMAN SIKES FOR ASSISTANCE
IN PREPARING RESOLUTION ON TUNISIA

REF: STATE 188726

1. FOLLOWING AIRPORT BRIEFING THIS MORNING, CONGRESSMAN SIKES SAID HE WAS NOT IMPRESSED BY TUNISIAN ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL STABILITY, PRO-WESTERN ORIENTATION AND RECORD OF NOT MEDDLING IN ITS NEIGHBORS' AFFAIRS. THESE WERE RARE QUALITIES IN THE THIRD WORLD AND HE THOUGHT CONGRESS SHOULD GIVE RECOGNITION TO TUNISIAN RECORD. HE WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE A RESOLUTION IN THE HOUSE PRAISING WHAT TUNISIA HAS DONE SINCE INDEPENDENCE, AND HE ASKED THAT I GIVE HIM SOME LANGUAGE THAT COULD BE WORKED INTO THE RESOLUTION. I SAID I WOULD PASS ALONG SOME THOUGHTS TO THE DEPARTMENT. HE THEN SAID THAT IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF HE COULD HAVE SOME MATERIAL SENT TO HIM BY TELEGRAM IN CAIRO WHERE HE ARRIVES AUGUST 14. IF THIS WERE NOT POSSIBLE, HE WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MATERIAL READY FOR HIM IN WASHINGTON WHEN HE RETURNS AUGUST 28.

2. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, RESOLUTION SIMILAR TO THAT SUGGESTED BY CONGRESSMAN SIKES WAS ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY
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BY SENATE LAST YEAR. ORIGINAL INTENT WAS THAT THIS WOULD HAVE BEEN JOINT RESOLUTION, BUT BECAUSE OF INTEREST IN HAVING RESOLUTION ON RECORD IN TIME FOR PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA'S BIRTHDAY LAST YEAR, THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE.

3. I BELIEVE THAT CONGRESSMAN SIKES' REQUEST CAN

BEST BE MET BY DEPARTMENT WORKING WITH HIS STAFF IN
WASHINGTON, AND I AM SENDING BRIEF MESSAGE TO CAIRO
STATING THAT I HAVE TRANSMITTED HIS REQUEST TO DEPARTMENT.
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4. TUNISIANS, OF COURSE, WOULD BE MOST APPRECIATIVE
OF ANY SUCH EXPRESSION OF MORAL SUPPORT FROM CONGRESS,
PARTICULARLY SINCE IT WOULD BE SEEN AS CIMPLIMENTARY
TO SENATE'S 1975 HUMPHREY/PERCY RESOLUTION. HOPE
DEPARTMENT CAN ASSIST CONGRESSMAN'S STAFF WITH APPROPRIATE
LANGUAGE PERHAPS PARALLELLING 1975 HUMPHREY/PERCY
RESOLUTION. CONGRESSMAN'S INTENT IS TO SINGLE OUT
TUNISIA AS COUNTRY WHERE THINGS ARE GOING RIGHT AND
EXPRESSING ADMIRATION OF HOUSE FOR TUNISIAN PROGRESS
UNDER LEADERSHIP OF PRESIDENT BOURGUIBA.
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